AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering text in an image forming device comprising:

   a.   receiving a page description language (PDL) file for imaging, said PDL file including said text and a text size value;

   b.   receiving ~~providing~~ a user-specified font sharpening threshold, said user-specified font sharpening threshold being a separate value from said text size value;

   c.   determining the user-specified font sharpening threshold is a predetermined value and preventing said text from being rendered with a high frequency halftone screen;

   d ~~c~~.   when the user-specified font sharpening threshold is not the predetermined value, overriding a previously established font sharpening threshold and substituting said user-specified ~~defined~~ font sharpening threshold;

   e ~~d~~.   comparing said text size value to said user-specified ~~defined~~ font sharpening threshold;

   f ~~e~~.   determining which ~~whether a~~ halftone screen is to be used for said text based on an outcome of said comparison; and

   g ~~f~~.   rendering said text with ~~or without~~ said selected halftone screen based on said outcome of said comparison.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein rendering said text with said halftone screen comprises selecting a halftone screen with a relatively higher halftone frequency when

the text size value is less than the user-specified font sharpening threshold, and selecting a

halftone screen with a relatively lower halftone frequency when the text size value is greater

than the user-specified font sharpening threshold.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A printing system comprising:

    a.   a user interface for entering a user-specified font sharpening threshold;

    b.   a raster image processor for generating a halftone image from a digital

        representation of objects to be printed, said objects including text and said digital

        representation including a text size value separate from said user-specified font

        sharpening threshold, said raster image processor programmed to render said

        text using a halftone screen with a halftone frequency selected based on

        overriding a previously established font sharpening threshold with said user-

        specified font sharpening threshold and performing a comparison of the text size

        value with said user-specified font sharpening threshold input by said user via

        said user interface, said raster image processor programmed to render said text

        with low frequency halftone screens without performing the comparison upon

        receipt of a predetermined user-specified font sharpening threshold; and

    c.   a raster output device operatively connected to the raster image processor to

        generate a visible output image using the halftone image output by the raster

        image processor.

6. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 5 wherein the user interface comprises an operator panel to receive user input specifying the font sharpening threshold.

7. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 5 wherein the raster output device is an electrophotographic print engine.